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Índios brasileiros.
Conferência de Imprensa da
Entidade "Indígena".

Cópias à ASI e DGPC.

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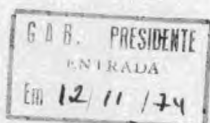
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Senhor Presidente,

Em aditamento à correspondência sobre o assunto, tenho a honra de informar Vossa Excelência de que a conferência de imprensa sobre índios brasileiros, organizada pela entidade "Indígena", de Berkeley, conta com o apoio e a participação ativa do Senhor Ralph Nader, que enviou carta a alguns convidados manifestando interesse pessoal pela iniciativa.

2. Na referida conferência, será distribuído um folheto intitulado "Supysaua", denominação escolhida para realçar a intenção dos editores de refutar a publicação da FUNAI com o mesmo título, do qual constam das seguintes partes: Introdução; "genocídio"; resumo do artigo de Norman Lewis no "Sunday Times" de 23 de fevereiro de 1969; "Y-Juca-Pirama", resumo de documento assinado

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A Sua Excelência o Senhor
General-de-Divisão Ismarth de Araujo Oliveira,
Presidente da Fundação Nacional do Índio.

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assinado por bispos e sacerdotes da Amazônia em 25 de dezembro de 1973; "The policy of genocide against the indians of Brazil", documento apresentado por um grupo de antropólogos brasileiros ao XLI Congresso Internacional de Americanistas, México, setembro de 1974; "The rape of indian territory: foreign aid and investment in Brazil an Amazon"; bibliografia e informação geral.

3. Na introdução, explicita o folheto que a conferência de imprensa é patrocinada por duas organizações, ambas com sede em Berkeley: "Indígena" e "American Friends of Brazil". A primeira é definida como "um Centro de Documentação sobre povos indígenas do hemisfério visando dois objetivos: 1) promover intercâmbio de informação entre povos nativos americanos e organizações do continente, a fim de apoiar as lutas de tais povos para determinar os sistemas sociais e culturais sob os quais desejam viver; 2) informar e educar o público não-indígena sobre as condições dos povos nativos, sua luta contra o racismo e a discriminação e em prol da justiça". A "American Friends of Brazil", entidade sistematicamente engajada em atividades de oposição e denúncia do Governo brasileiro, é auto-definida pelo folheto com "independent, non-profit organization whose main activity is to publish the brazilian information... to document and disseminate information on: 1) repression in Brazil; 2) the USA role in supporting that repression; 3) the struggle in and outside Brazil against the repression; 4) Brazil's role Latin America as a sub-imperial power; and 5) the so-called brazilian 'Economic Miracle'".

4. Informo, outrossim, que o "Brokings Institute" não é patrocinador da Conferência de Imprensa, tendo apenas alugado suas salas à organização "Indígena".

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Aproveito a oportunidade para renovar a Vossa Ex
celência os protestos da minha perfeita estima e distinta consi-
deração.

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SubChefe da Assessoria de Imprensa

"PARAGUAY, BRAZIL HIT OVER INDIANS. BY JOANNE OMANG. CONSUMER ADVOCATE RALPH NADER JOINED TWO INTERNATIONAL GROUPS YESTERDAY IN CONDEMNING THE GOVERNMENTS OF BRAZIL AND PARAGUAY FOR A "GENOCIAL PATTERN" IN THE TREATMENT OF THEIR NATIVE INDIAN POPULATIONS.

SPOKESMEN FOR BOTH GOVERNMENTS IMMEDIATELY DENIED THE CHARGES RAISED AT WHAT WAS BILLED AS AN "ALL-DAY PRESS CONFERENCE" AT THE BROOKINGS INSTITUTION, SAYING THE ISSUES WERE OLD AND HAD BEEN DISPROVEN.

NADER, WHO MADE A KEY - NOTE SPEECH, SAID U.S. AGENCIES AND MULTINATIONAL CORPORATION WERE PARTLY TO BLAME FOR THE DECIMATION OF SOME 150 INDIAN TRIBES IN BRAZIL THE AGENCIES AND CORPORATIONS SUPPORTED THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF INTENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE JUNGLES WHERE AN ESTIMATED 80,000 INDIANS LIVE.

SPEAKER AFTER SPEAKER SAID THE INDIANS WERE ROUTINELY DISPLACED FROM THEIR LANDS, TREATED BRUTALLY AND DEPRIVED OF MEDICINES WHEN THEY BECAME ILL FROM EXPOSURE TO ILLNESSES BROUGHT IN BY WORKERS ON DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

"THE TIME IS OVER WHEN MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS CAN OPERATE WITH CIA SECRECY IN THE AMAZON BASIN WITHOUT BEING SUBJECT TO GOVERNMENTAL FORUMS HERE," NADER SAID. "WHEN U.S. CORPORATIONS INTERFERE IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE PEOPLE OF BRAZIL, THAT IS A U.S. GOVERNMENT CONCERN."

A CALIFORNIA-BASED GROUP CALLED INDIGENA (THE SPANISH WORD FOR NATIVE AMERICAN), WHICH SPONSORED THE CONFERENCE, RELEASED A DOCUMENT NAMING CATERPILLAR BRAZIL, ALCOA, GENERAL MOTORS, WESTINGHOUSE CORP., KAISER ALUMINUM AND HANNA MINING AS AMONG THE MAJOR UNITED STATES CONCERNS OPERATION IN THE AMAZON BASIN.

OF 230 INDIAN TRIBES SURVEYED IN 1900 IN BRAZIL, 87 ARE NOW EXTINCT AND THE INDIAN POPULATION HAS DROPPED FROM A MILLION TO LESS THAN 200,000, NADER SAID.

"THIS IS A STATISTICAL SCENE THAT CAN ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS A GENOCIDAL PATTERN," HE SAID.

RICHARD ARENS, LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR THE RIGHTS OF MAN, ONE OF THE CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS, ACCUSED THE PARAGUAYAN GOVERNMENT OF RUNNING "ROUNDUPS... DESIGNED TO OBTAIN INDIANS FOR SLAVE LABOR, THE MEN TO THE FIELDS, THE WOMEN TO PROSTITUTION AND THE CHILDREN TO DOMESTIC LABOR."'''

MR. RICUPERO PRAISED THE INDIAN FOUNDATION, WHICH, HE SAID, WAS MAKING AN EFFORT TO PROVIDE LAND FOR THE INDIANS AND TO PROVIDE NEEDED HEALTH SERVICE.

THE SPONSORS OF THE CONFERENCE, MR. RICUPERO ADDED, "THINK THAT DEVELOPMENT OF THE AMAZON IS AGAINST THE INDIANS. BUT WE THINK THE ONLY WAY FOR THE INDIANS TO IMPROVE THEIR HEALTH, EDUCATION AND BEGIN SELF-DEVELOPMENT IS THROUGH DEVELOPMENT."

ANTHROPOLOGIST'S REPORT

ANOTHER VIEW OF THE INDIAN FOUNDATION, HOWEVER, WAS PROVIDED BY DR. KENNETH BRECHER, A SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGIST FROM OXFORD UNIVERSITY WHO SPENT TWO YEARS WORKING AND LIVING WITH A SMALL TRIBE IN XINGU NATIONAL PARK IN BRAZIL. WHILE TRAVELING WITH THE TRIBE, DR. BRECHER RELATED, HE SAW A BRAZILIAN MILITARY PLANE UNLOAD SCORES OF DEAD AND

INJURED INDIANS FROM A NEARBY TRIBE WHO HAD BEEN RESISTING THE INDIAN FOUNDATION'S EFFORTS TO RELOCATE THEM.

THE LOOK IN THE SURVIVORS' EYES "WAS ONE OF BEWILDERMENT AND WONDER," DR. BRECHER SAID. "THEY JUST COULDN'T BELIEVE WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO THEM."

MR. NADER, THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE WHO ONCE REPORTED ON LATIN AMERICAN FOR THE CRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR AND OTHER NEWSPAPER, CASTIGATED THE AMERICAN PRESS FOR ITS FAILURE TO REPORT ON THE ROLE OF AMERICAN CORPORATION IN THE AMAZON RIVER BASIN.

HE URGED FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS TO "TAKE AN ACTIVE-INTEREST IN WHAT'S GOING ON NOW RATHER THAN REVERBERATE" TO THE OFFICIAL STATEMENTS ABOUT ECONOMIC GROWTH ISSUED BY THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT.

THE ACQUISITION OF NATURAL RESOURCES ALONG THE AMAZON "IS ON A SCALE THAT DWARFS OTHER ACTIVITIES AROUND THE WORLD,"

MR. NADER SAID, SPECIFICALLY CITING AMERICAN INROADS INTO THE BRAZILIAN TIN AND LUMBER MARKETS.

HE SUGGESTED THAT BOTH THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATION AND HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEES BEGIN ACTIVE INQUIRIES INTO THE AMERICAN CORPORATE AND GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT "ON GROUNDS OF NATIONAL SECURITY" IN BRAZIL. --

"IT SEEMS CLEAR," MR. NADER ADDED, "THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THE AMAZON VITAL TO NATIONAL SECURITY AND IT'S TIME FOR THE PEOPLE TO MAKE THEIR OWN DEFINITION OF NATIONAL SECURITY."

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"OUSTER OF INDIANS FROM AMAZON LANDS IS CHARGED.
BY SEYMOUR M. HERSH. WASHINGTON, NOV. 8 - A GROUP OF ANTHROPO-
LOGISTS AND POLITICAL ACTIVISTS ACCUSED MULTINATIONAL
CORPORATIONS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL TODAY OF CONSPIRING
TO DRIVE INDIAN TRIBES FROM THEIR NATIVE GROUNDS ALONG
THE AMAZON RIVER IN AN EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE INDUSTRIAL DEVE-
LOPMENT.

DURING A DAY-LONG CONFERENCE AT THE BROOKINGS INSTITUTION,
SPEAKERS - INCLUDING RALPH NADER - CHARGED THAT UNITED STATES
FIRMS WERE AIDING THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO
DISPLACE AND, IN EFFECT, TO ELIMINATE THE VARIOUS INDIAN TRI-
BES WHOSE DOMINANCE IN THE MINERAL-RICH RIVER BASIN ARE HAD
GONE UNCHALLENGED FOR CENTURIES.

A UNITED STATES INDIAN LEADER SAID AT THE BEGINNING OF
THE CONFERENCE, THAT "WE" - THE AMERICAN INDIANS - "HAVE
ALREADY EXPERIENCE WHAT IS GOING ON IN SOUTH AMERICA. HE
ADDED: "THIS IS A RE-RUN , SO TO SPEK."

THE INDIAN LEADER, CHIEF HEN HAWK OF THE ONONGADA NATION
NEAR SYRACUSE, N.Y., ADDED THAT IN BRAZIL, AS IN THE EARLY
DAYS OF THE UNITED STATES, "YOU HAVE INDIANS WHO ARE LIVING
ON LAND WITH NATURAL RESOURCES AND YOU HAVE OTHERS WHO WANT
THAT LAND AND THOSE RESOURCES."

MOST OF THE PROTEST WAS DIRECTED TOWARD THE NATIONAL
INDIAN FOUNDATION OF BRAZIL, THE GOVERNMENT AGENCY OSTEN-
SIBLY SET UP TO MONITOR AND PROTECT THE NATIVE TRIBES DURING
THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AMAZON RIVER BASIN. THAT DEVELOPMENT
IS A KEY FACET OF BRAZIL'S WIDELY HAILED "ECONOMIC MIRACLE."

DR. RENE FUERST OF GENEVA, WHO SPENT NINE YEARS DOING
FIELD RESEARCH WITH THE BRAZILIAN TRIBES, ACCUSED THE INDIAN
FOUNDATION OF BECOMING "AN INSTRUMENT FOR THE PACIFI-
CATION OF THE AREA."

HE TOLD OF ONE TRIBE THAT MADE ITS FIRST CONTACT WITH
WHITES IN FEBRUARY, 1973 - A CONTACT BROUGHT ABOUT, HE SAID,
BY THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRANS-AMAZON HIGHWAY NOW UNDER
CONSTRUCTION IN NORTHERN BRAZIL. WITHIN A YEAR, DR. FUENTES
SAID, MEMBERS OF THE TRIBE - THE CRANHACARRES - WERE
FOUND BEGGING FOR FOOD ALONGSIDE THE HIGHWAY, THEIR FIELDS
ABANDONED AND THEIR MEMBERS SICK AND HUNGRY.

RUBENS RICUPERO, PRESS ATTACHE OF THE BRAZILIAN EMBASSY
HERE, ACCUSED THE SPONSORS OF THE MEETING OF "NOT BEING
FAIR." ONE SPONSOR, HE SAID, THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF BRAZIL,
OPPOSES THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT AND "ONLY WISHES TO MAKE
ACCUSATIONS AGAINST US - NOT TO BEGIN A DIALOGUE."